

Adjectives vs. Adverbs

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Reading and Listening: A New Basketball Star

⊗ Read and listen to the interview Manuel is doing of Yoko for the school newspaper.

Manuel: You are going to play with the national basketball team. Are you happy?

Yoko: I am **very** happy. I **always** wanted to be part of a **famous** team.

Manuel: What was the **first** thing you did after you heard you had been selected?

Yoko: I **immediately** called my mother.

Manuel: Did you work hard to become a **great** player?

Yoko: Yes, I worked **extremely** hard.

Manuel: Can you tell me what a **normal** day is like for you?

Yoko: **Usually**, I get up around seven. I go to school, and then I meet with my teammates in the afternoon.

Manuel: Is practice **important**?

Yoko: Yes, practice is **very** important. I practice **every** day. I always start **slowly**. I stretch **carefully** and work out before I am **finally** ready to play.

Manuel: What do you like most about basketball?

Yoko: **Probably** the fact that it is a **fast** game. You need to think fast and move **quickly**. It's never **boring**!

Manuel: So what will you do next?

Yoko: I hope to play in the Olympics one day. I **often** dream of winning a **gold** medal.

Manuel: I **sincerely** hope you will!

A. Comprehension Check

Read the following sentences. Circle the word in parentheses that best completes each sentence, based on Manuel's interview.

1. Yoko plays basketball (well) (badly).
2. You need to work (very) (not very) hard to become a great player.
3. Yoko (rarely) (often) gets up early in the morning.
4. A player needs to think (quickly) (slowly) during a game.
5. Yoko (often) (never) dreams of winning a gold medal.

B. Think About Grammar

The boldfaced words in Manuel's interview are **adjectives** and **adverbs**. Write the adjectives and adverbs that Yoko uses in the interview above to answer the following questions.

1. How happy is Yoko? _____
2. What kind of team did she want to be part of? _____
3. When did she call her mother? _____
4. How hard did she work? _____
5. How does she start practice? _____
6. What kind of game is basketball? _____
7. What kind of medal does she dream of winning? _____

C. Write the two-letter ending to the answers to numbers 3, 4, and 5. _____